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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, INFO CANBERRA, JULY 5, FROM
WELLINGTON RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 1717

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: ANZUS, PFOR, NZ

SUBJ: DATE AND PLACE OF ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING

1. DATE: ON 5 JULY SECY FOREIGN AFFAIRS CORNER SUGGESTED
TO ME ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING BE POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER OR
DECEMBER IN NEW ZEALAND, I.E., WHEN SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE
LESS CROWDED AND SUMMER WEATHER HERE AT ITS BEST. HE
SUGGESTED AS VENUE MT. COOK HOTEL IN ALPINE SETTING AND
POSSIBILITY SECRETARY MIGHT HAVE TIME "TAKE A DAY OFF."
2. CONTEXT: HE EMPHASIZED "KIRK DOES HAVE POSITIVE
VIEWS TOWARD ANZUS" AND WANTS SERIOUS AS WELL AS FRIENDLY
DISCUSSION.
3. REASONING: CORNER SAID PM KIRK HAD TALKED TO PM
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WHITLAM AND THEY SHARED VIEW THAT IF BOTH "RUSHED OFF"
TO ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING IN WASHINGTON, IT WOULD GO
AGAINST GNZ/GOA POLICY OF APPEARING MORE INDEPENDENT
WHILE AT SAME TIME EVOLVING POLICY WHICH COMPLEMENTED

NIXON DOCTRINE, BUT IF SECRETARY COULD COME TO NEW ZEALAND
IT WOULD SHOW REAL GOOD WILL AND REDUCE APPREHENSION
HERE RE LESSENERED US INTEREST.

4. I EMPHASIZED TO CORNER ENORMOUS MULTIPLICITY
DEMANDS ON SECRETARY'S TIME. CORNER REITERATED THAT
WHILE PM WOULD GREATLY PREFER HAVE SECRETARY COME TO
WELLINGTON, HE REALIZED THIS PROBLEM ANTO HAVE TALKS HERE WITH UNDERSECRETARY. PROBLEM, AS
CORNER UNDERSTOOD, WAS THAT PM WHITLAM EVIDENTLY WOULD
ONLY COME TO NZ IF SECRETARY CAME.

5. COMMENTS:

A RECENT EXAMPLE OF THIS APPREHENSION OCCURRED JULY 3
WHEN GNZ RELEASED ITS ANNUAL "REPORT OF MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS" (BEING POUCHED). INTRODUCTION SIGNED
BY PM CONTAINS FOLLOWING PHRASE RE ANZUS: "...WE DETECT
SIGNS THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION MAY BE ATTACHING LESS
SIGNIFICANCE AND DEVOTING LESS ATTENTION, TO ITS
RELATIONSHIP WITH N.Z...." DEPT. WILL RECALL THIS
IS IN CONTEXT OF PM'S FOREIGN POLICY AS SET FORTH IN
HIS ELECTION MANIFESTO IN WHICH HE PLEDGED:

A) "ANZUS AS A DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE WITH
GOA AND USA WILL BE MAINTAINED,"

B) GNZ WILL GIVE PRIORITY "TO MAINTAINING THE
MOST FRIENDLY BASIS OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USA."
PM SETS MUCH STORE IN BEING SEEN TO ADHERE TO THIS
FUNDAMENTAL PART OF GNZ POLICY IN FACE LEFT WING
CRITICS IN HIS PARTY. WOOD UNQUOTE. RUSH

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